

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Kumar et al.)	Examiner:	Pollock, Gregory A.
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Title: TRANSACTION STRUCTURES AND METHODS CONCERNING THE FORWARD SALE OF A COMMODITY

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2009 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants respond as follows, wherein:

Claim Amendments begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 9.